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Anti-racist group occupies Alcan

by Jon Westphal

Last Friday, about 40 demonstrators occupied the Alcan offices at 2001 University as part of an International day of student protest against Apartheid. After two or three hours of occupation, 23 people were arrested, detained and charged with "illegal occupation."

The protestors spent the afternoon singing and chanting anti-apartheid slogans.

An afternoon's work for Alcan employees was completely disrupted. One baffled executive was heard to remark that he "didn't know what the hell was going on, somebody had damn well better call the police."

A lighter moment of the occupation was a skit performed by members of Theatre Shmeatre. Their skit — found highly offensive by Alcan executives — depicted Canada and South Africa as two

homosexuals having a lovers quarrel.

Entrance to the building was blocked by demonstrators mar-

ching back and forth in front of the building carrying signs and chanting "a bas l'apartheid," "Alcan accomplice assassin"

and "Botha assassin, Mulroney complice."

The demonstration was organized by Jeunes Contre

l'Apartheid (JECA), a Montréal youth group devoted to drawing attention to Canadian investment in South Africa through civil disobedience.

During the entire occupation — two hours — the street was filled with police cars, ghost cars, two paddy wagons and riot police.

As soon as the police were authorized by the manager of the building to carry out the arrests, the media was ordered out of the building on the pretext that their presence would interfere with the arrests.

Once police reinforcements arrived to contain the picketers, the first activists were dragged from the building, pulled backwards down the stairs and thrown into a police van.

Police were unduly rough in removing the demonstrators from the premises. One protestor was brutally dragged, almost thrown, down the front steps of the building and into the waiting van.

The protestors were demanding that the Federal Government cut off all diplomatic and military relations with South Africa.

Alcan was targetted by the group because of the corporation's extensive investments in South Africa. As well, Alcan has investments in the Hulett company which has numerous contracts with Armscor which produces weapons for the South African Army.



Former Daily editor in chief on the road to martyrdom

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MACES budgets without money

by Brendan Weston

After operating officially without a budget since last spring, the McGill Association of Continuing Education Students (MACES) had its \$5-per-course fee levy ratified by Senate last week. This virtually guarantees the collection of its fees by the University in January, subject only to Board of Governor approval, and provides this emerging campus group with a solid base.

Fully \$6,000 of MACES' \$95,000 budget has already been allotted to bills from the past two years, and MACES will have to finance fall semester expenses with a bank loan.

Instead of honoraria, MACES five executives equally share a \$3,000 expense account. A part-time secretary will be hired with \$15,000, and \$15,600 will pay workers in the Arts, Bronfman, Burnside, Education and Engineering cafeterias to extend services two extra hours for Conted students.

MACES will also pay \$9,500 to share Radio McGill services, and will negotiate a similar agreement with the *Daily*, though their quarterly newsletter will be maintained.

Currently, MACES is lobbying the McGill Administration

to provide parity for all faculties of Conted students. Since many Conted courses are not offered as part of a certificate program, students may remain ineligible for a degree despite having completed all program requirements. The council plans to change the status of non-certificate Conted students not in the degree program so they can vote and be elected to committees.

According to MACES' Assistant Director of Conted Fiona Clark said this would up MACES' membership to 26,000. Contacted by the *Daily* however, Clark said she had not yet made this year's calculations, but that 25,000 fall, winter and summer Conted registrations were recorded last year, excluding Education.

MACES is currently negotiating Conted faculty and student Senate, Board of Governor, and committee representatives, and is organizing a new and used book coop, as well as a housing coop for single parents on University street.

Harvey Litvak, MACES president and driving force, is determined to gain parity with the \$3 million McGill Student Society, and has his eye on Redpath Hall basement for office

space, rather than sharing a Union room with other groups.

The Council is also lobbying business' such as Air Canada and VIA for an extension of student discounts to those in Conted, and is considering an Ombudsman and full-time office staff.

MACES holds regular Friday meetings at 7 pm in Bronfman 157, with social events before and after. All students are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in covering Conted for the Daily, please contact us at 392-8955.

by Daniela Lindner

Approximately 35 McGill students occupied the McGill Administration building yesterday afternoon to protest McGill's many investments in firms and banks linked to South Africa.

The students confronted Nathan Moss, Secretary to the Board of Governors. Faced with the students' demands for complete divestment, Moss promised that full divestment would be on the upcoming agenda for the October 21st Board of Governors meeting.

As well, Moss promised the meeting would be open session. However, speakers rights will not be granted to students.

Moss initially responded to the students' demands by reiterating the Board of Governors position that "by positive

engagement they can help" encourage change in South Africa. Nigel Crawhall, Co-ordinator of the South Africa Committee replied by quoting Jesse Jackson: "Justice delayed is justice denied."

At this point, Moss admitted "off-the-record" that "you (students) do have a valid political point."

The students left the Administration building with threats of imminent return. "We will make it impossible for the Board of Governors to function," warned Crawhall, "if they don't divest or at least take steps in that direction."

The students responsible for the occupation of the Administration building were part of an original demonstration held in front of the South African Consulate at Place Ville Marie.

Students swarm BoG

The demonstration began at the McGill Métro and wound its way to Place Ville Marie. The demonstrators marched back and forth in front of the plaza chanting "three piece suits and blood stained hands," and "Free Mandela! Down with Botha!" French demonstrators chanted "Botha salaud le peuple aura sa peau," and "Pour le pays contre le racisme."

Worried security guards, walkie talkies in hand ran up and down after the marchers warning them that they could not march on the private property of Place Ville Marie.

After meeting with the demonstrators at 2001 University, who were waiting for the imminent arrest of their comrades occupying the Alcan offices, the McGill demonstration headed towards the McGill Administration building.

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MONTREAL (CUP) — Highly enriched nuclear fuel from reactors on five university campuses in Canada is sent to a military plant in the United States where it is used to make bombs for the American weapons programme.

Research reactors at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Ecole Polytechnique in Montréal, the University of Toronto, McMaster University in Hamilton and the University of Alberta are fueled with highly enriched uranium (80 per cent uranium 235) or "weapons grade" uranium.

This uranium is bought from the U.S. Department of Energy by the Atomic Energy Commission of Canada Limited (AECL, a crown corporation).

The used uranium, still high in uranium 235, is shipped to the Savana River Plant in South Carolina where it is re-processed into plutonium and tritium for H-bombs, according to documents provided by Dr. Gordon Edwards, president of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility.

The plutonium generated at Savana is then shipped to Rocky Flats, Colorado where it is made into triggers for atomic bombs. The tritium is used to

enhance the explosive power of the bombs.

The money made from this transaction pays for the next shipment of fuel to Canada.

These deals violate the Nuclear Co-operation Agreement between the United States and Canada, dating back to 1955, which bans the use of

nuclear materials supplied by Canada for military purposes.

Edwards, who has been investigating Canada's contribution to the production of bombs

said "the financial returns must be pretty small — just enough to get more fuel.

"The fuel is our lollipop from the U.S. military, and their way of buying friends and diffusing antagonism toward the weapons programme," Edwards said.

The smaller reactors at four of the campuses cost about \$200,000 to refuel. Re-fuelling the McMaster reactor, ten times the size of the others, runs in the millions, according to Fred Davediuk, manager of research facilities at AECL.

Davediuk said Canada is obligated under a binding contract to return the spent fuel to the United States because it was theirs to begin with.

However, a report from the U.S. General Accounting Office (December 13, 1984) confirms that no such contract exists and the title to spent fuel remains with the countries that bought it.

Chief Public Officer in the AECL Hugh Spence claimed the same thing in a letter to Québec Townships Peace in August 1984. He also said the spent fuel was definitely re-processed for civilian purposes.

He later retracted his statements. Even though he had to admit the fuel was used at a military plant, he said in another letter to the peace group that the U.S. agreed to take an amount equal to the Canadian shipment out of the military re-processing drums and put it into civilian ones.

However, Edwards called Savana River and found they only have one drum and it was for military production only.

"They are either lying or incompetent," said Edwards about AECL officials.

University reactors are re-fuelled every five to ten years, except for the McMaster reactor which is re-fuelled every couple of years. The shipments to and from the United States take place in secret.

The peaceful research at universities is applied to industry, agriculture and health. For example, the level of arsenic in our drinking water can be tested by putting strands of human hair into the reactor and bombarding it with neutrons. The arsenic in the hair will become radioactive and it can then be measured and studied.

However, according to Edwards, every experiment now being done with nuclear fuel can also be done in non-nuclear accelerators which the University of British Columbia and McGill University use. These accelerators charge non-nuclear particles to a very high speed which induces radioactivity.



Friday at noon, more than 100 people gathered in front of the Arts Building to observe a minute of silence commemorating those who have died in the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa.

Friday was an international day of protest against Apartheid, and universities across North America and Britain held similar protests.

Speakers included Killian Holland, a missionary, who spoke of the unpublicised deaths in South Africa. Later, Nigel Crawhall of McGill's South Africa Committee criticized Canadians for being accomplices to the crime of Apartheid through Canadian investments in South Africa.

After observing one minute of silence Holland led the crowd in a series of Zulu chants of protest as a gesture of solidarity with the people of South Africa.

Youth employment stagnates

OTTAWA (CUP) — The 1986 economic forecast of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) says unemployment among Canadian youth will not change much in the coming year.

"Even though the youth population is down, youth employment will not grow in 1985-86," reads the OECD's Economic Outlook released in Paris, Sept. 24.

Employment among Canadians under 25, this year, is slightly higher than last year after four years of decline. In 1980, 86.8 per cent of Canadian youth had jobs. By 1984 this dropped to 82.1 per cent. Currently, 82.75 per cent of Canadian youth have jobs. This will rise to 83 per cent next year, the OECD predicts.

The organisation, which studies the economies of the seven largest Western nations, also said long-term unemployment (being continuously out of work for a year or more) is now affecting many young people and prime-age workers.

The forecast dispels the "long-held view that multiple spells of unemployment among youth are a normal part of the transition from school to work, and hence of little concern.

"The study finds youth unemployment is as concen-

trated as adult unemployment, indicating the seriousness of youth unemployment, and the fact that some of these youths are likely to be experiencing labour market difficulties," the forecast said.

In addition, service industry work and part-time work, the areas where most young Canadians find jobs, will continue to grow faster than industrial and

full-time work in Canada, the OECD predicts.

Last week, Statistics Canada had some qualified good news for Canadian youth: there are slightly more young Canadian families above the poverty line than there were last year.

"Young families' incidence of low income, at 31.3 per cent in 1984, is down from 34.7 per cent in 1983. This appear to

break the trend of steadily increasing low income rates for this group since 1979, when the figure was 20.5 per cent," according to a September 30 StatsCan release.

Low-income cut-offs are relative levels based on income and expenditure patterns in 1978 and vary by size of the area of residence and by size of the family.

Suzuki savages students

WATERLOO (CUP) — The split between arts and sciences in Canada's universities means graduates resemble savages and neanderthals more than responsible, thinking adults, says David Suzuki.

Speaking to an audience of 4,000 last week, the popular scientist said students are funneled into arts or sciences without a rounded background in both disciplines. Suzuki said Arts graduates are "ignorant savages who know nothing about the major forces shaping the earth," while scientists "know nothing of the ethics of science. They are like neanderthal people given guns, tanks, and bombs."

Suzuki was delivering the keynote address for the student-

organized national conference *Science, Technology and Ethics*.

Suzuki said students are encouraged to specialize early in school and avoid other subjects through their education.

While most Arts graduates are unaware of science and technology in society, Suzuki is most concerned about politicians. "The people we are electing are incompetent to act upon the advice of experts (and decisions are based mostly on) political expediency, and I mean that in a perjorative sense," he said.

Today's scientists are not socially responsible enough, and have questionable research motives when courting corporate and military funding.

"Profit and destruction are too much of the driving forces of the scientific community," he said.

With technology changing rapidly, the need for discussion of science issues has never been more important, Suzuki said.

"We are living with problems that may take generations to solve," he said. Advances in technology often seem to solve problems, but can bring more problems than solutions. "Every technology has a price," he said.

"The benefits are always obvious and clear. The costs can not be determined beforehand. We can not predict the monumental consequences of technology," he said. "We can not go on indefinitely having more technology."

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In defence of protest

Up-coming South Africa divestment protests and the October 19 Peace March forces us to ask ourselves whether such actions have a discernable effect on the policies of governments, both our own and others.

Ten thousand people marched for disarmament last year, yet the arms race continues to intensify as Reagan keeps pushing the Strategic Defence Initiative. "What possible effect could McGill's divestment have on South Africa?" we wonder.

There are those who never believed that a peace march could change a single vote in parliament. Others believe there is no hope within our current political system for change. There are those who formerly believed in acts of protest, but seeing no direct connection between these acts and government policy, lost hope. And of course there are those who believe that acts of protest and protestors are merely "dying embers of the sixties."

But protests *do* accomplish something. Far from being ineffectual, individual actions, rallies, marches, civil disobedience, and direct action, are useful tools for bringing about change.

An act of protest at any level allows the individual to take positive action against a situation s/he finds intolerable. Individual action can be something as minor as wearing an armband or as major as planting a bomb. The question that is always asked is "How will my individual action affect the situation?"

Admittedly, wearing an armband and divesting from a bank linked to South Africa are not actions with staggering global implications, but then the real value of individual action is internal, not external.

Individuals feel helpless against the monoliths of government and business; they are too huge for any one person to consider fighting. Faced with this, people retreat into apathy, which protects them from these feelings.

Individual action is the positive way out of the hole. It gives you the feeling you are "doing something" — that despite all else, you have acted in accordance with your conscience. It restores your self-worth. It reminds you MPs have constituents and corporations have customers, and they are answerable to them.

When large numbers of individuals come together in marches, rallies, letter-writing campaigns or civil disobedience, they also exchange information and give emotional support to each other. While there is no direct relationship between these acts of protest and government policy, there is an indirect one.

Acts of sufficient size or dramatic impact attract publicity and generate interest in an issue. Public awareness strengthens both government lobbies and independent action groups, for causes such as South Africa and Ethiopia.

After 37 years of protest against Apartheid, political payoffs are finally rolling in. Recent economic sanctions against South Africa reflect, according to Federal Minister of External Affairs Joe Clark, "a growing feeling of revulsion among Canadians."

Letter-writing campaigns are often successful, especially when coupled with other events to increase public awareness. When MPs receive a letter, they assume there are hundreds of people who feel the same way, but didn't bother to write.

The U.S. Congress has been unable to introduce gun control legislation because the National Rifle Association (NRA), mounts a letter campaign in each district. This is disconcerting to politicians whose *raison d'être* is to stay in power.

A more ideologically palatable group of letter writers are Amnesty International. AI coordinates letter-writing campaigns to free "prisoners of conscience" around the world. Out of 45 cases in Amnesty's 1984 journal *The Candle*, 22 have been released or have had restrictions removed.



Beyond letters and marches, there is a kind of protest intended to bring a complete halt to the offending activity — direct action. Direct action can be non-violent or violent, and it may or may not involve breaking the law.

One of the most well-known groups engaging in non-violent direct action is Greenpeace. Greenpeace activists are famous for spray-painting seals to make them useless to pelt-hunters, and for interposing themselves between harpoon guns and whales.

While neither pelt-hunting or whaling has ended, Greenpeace has undoubtedly saved the lives of hundreds of seals and whales, and their efforts have led to the passing of legislation in many countries to halt whaling and pelt-hunting.

Greenpeace also buzzes nuclear test sites, which led to the French government to take some "direct action" of its own and blow up the Rainbow Warrior, Greenpeace's flagship. In this case the French government became the terrorists and Greenpeace was martyred.

The preceding example shows some of the problems with violent direct action, and with violent acts of protest in general. Although it is indeed a powerful way to effect change, it can backfire disastrously.

The bombing of an abortion clinic may indeed put it out of service, but it portrays the entire "pro-life" as a bunch of crack-pots. Their claim to hold life sacred becomes laughable when they start throwing plastic around.

The IRA and the PLO may indeed have justifications for their actions, but they are condemned as bloodthirsty lunatics by the media. It is not sufficient that your cause is just, it is also necessary that the media perceives your cause as just.

Violence can turn the object of your protest into a "good-guy," and discredit your cause. Direct action must be used judiciously, after all other avenues are exhausted, lest it become worthless.

Far from being a "dying ember" from the sixties, acts of protest continue to be a viable route to social change in a society which seems to be rushing headlong toward oblivion. Protest is valuable if only to keep our sanity in the face of seeming helplessness. It also sometimes works.

We need not agree on ideology to agree on tactics. It is enough to follow one's conscience and accept responsibility.

As that bastion of conservatism, Winston Churchill, once said, "for evil to triumph, it needs only for good people to do nothing."

Peter Nixon

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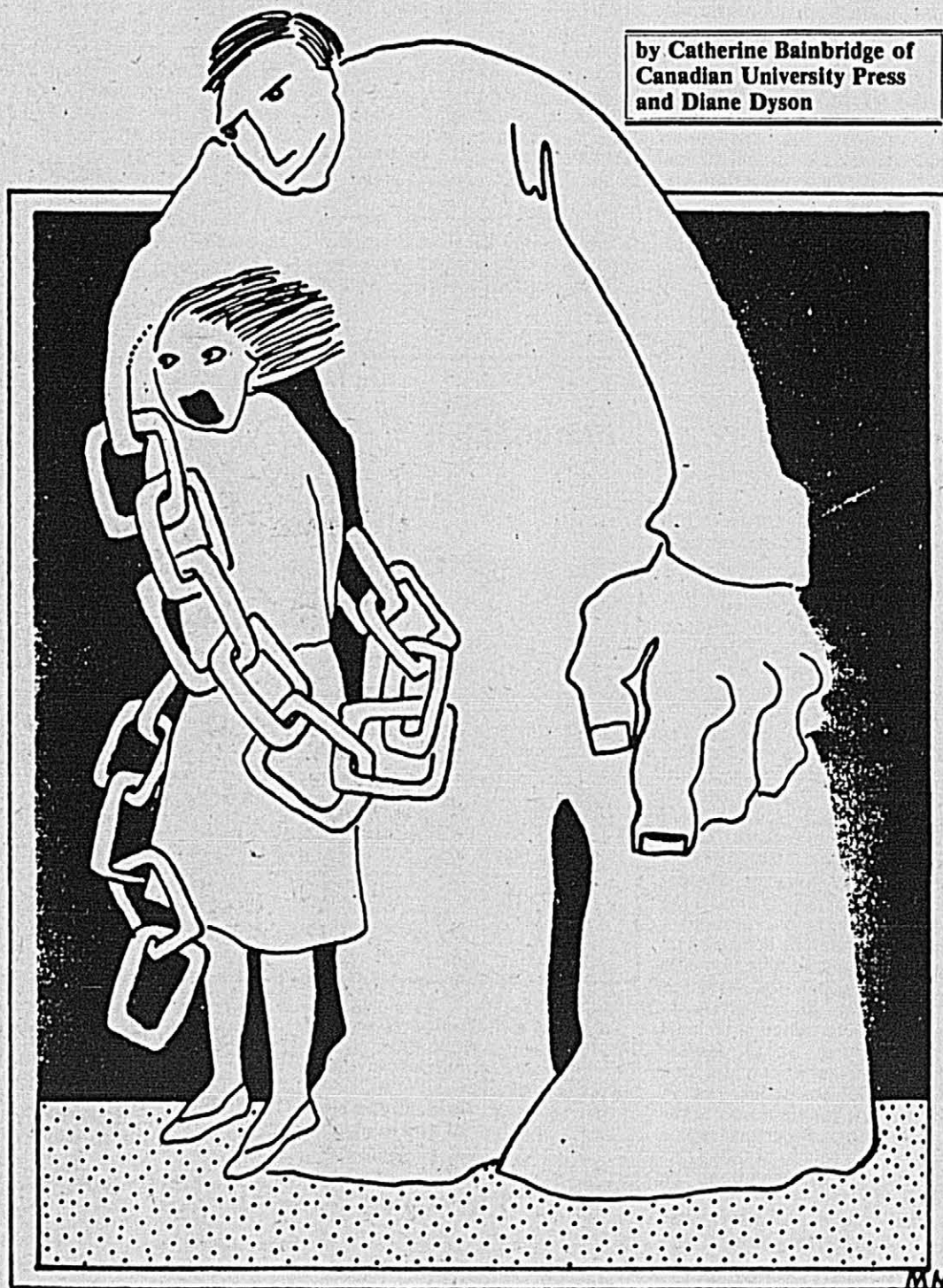


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Legal pimps

by Catherine Bainbridge of
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"Bringggg..."
"Hello?"
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"How old are you?"
"21."
"How tall are you?"
"5'9".
"How much do you weigh?"
"135."
(pause)
"5'9", 135 pounds. Not too bad. Can you hang on?"
"I'm a little nervous about being an escort."
"There's nothing to worry about. This is not the mafia — it's run by students. I'm only 20."

L'Elegance bills itself as an escort service with "a touch of class." It is one of about 20 escort services in the classified section of the *Montréal Gazette*.

Scott, the owner and manager of L'Elegance is running a booming small business. He is good humoured and very polite — a young executive. He is 24.

"We've got lots of work. We hire every two weeks. Do you know what it involves?"

"No, not really. Is it taking men out for lunch, or to functions?"

"Don't waste your time or mine. Look, you get gentlemen that want to spend an intimate hour or more with a lady companion in their hotel or apartment. The only way to earn money is by being available — not if you're pretty or ugly — that's really got nothing to do with it."

Every escort service listed was hiring. Scott, our would-be pimp, owns two agencies and has been in the business for three years.

Twenty-year-old Abby, Scott's partner and manager, answered the phone with a light, professional clip. We could have been talking about insurance. Two other phones rang incessantly in the background during the course of the conversation.

"Let's talk intelligently. Let me explain something so as not to waste your time before you come down here. You are going to be in very private, close situations with your customers."

"How much do you make?"

"What you'd make in here in two hours, you'd make somewhere else in a week."

"How much?"
"One hundred dollars an hour."

Scott was in the background telling Abby to set up an interview that afternoon. They had another new recruit on the line.

We meet at Sir Winston Churchill Pub on Crescent Street, a strip with trendy Anglophone bars. The terrace is crowded with junior executives and university students sipping Friday afternoon drinks and enjoying the

setting sun.

We are told to look for a large, blond man who would be wearing a grey leather jacket with a four inch black collar and jeans that needed washing. When he enters we have to nod at him a few times before he comes over.

"Are you Scott?"

"I may be."

He sits down at the next table and lights a cigarette. The music is too loud to carry on a conversation without yelling, so he moves closer. There is an uncomfortable silence.

He asks why we are doing it. For money, pure and simple, we answer.

"Do you have any questions? Most girls do."

"What kind of men do you usually get?"

"Mostly middle-aged. But they are lawyers, doctors and businessmen. You don't get the seedy types when it costs

that much. Even if they're not good looking they're usually well-groomed (he looks at his nails). Some of them are real good lookers."

"How do you know? Do you meet them?"

"The girls tell me. Sometimes I meet the regulars."

There are special rates from eight hour shifts — \$1,000 at night, \$800 during the day. We joke about the staying power of a middle-aged man who can last that long. Scott says they even get some 20 year olds.

The agency charges the



customers \$175 an hour. We get to keep only the \$100 for the hour's work, but, Scott informs us, we split travelling expenses.

Scott has done so well in the business that he considers himself semi-retired. He tells us that is putting his younger brother through medical school.

Scott shows us his government license. The city of Montréal gives escort services legal business status. Scott has a different name on the form but he agency's name is still the same.

We ask him the question that is probably foremost in women's minds when they consider becoming escorts: What about security?

"Oh, it's completely safe. In the six months we've been running this agency, we've never had any problems."

The procedure is simple. The customer's choice and gives her the customer's telephone number.

The escort calls the client and he tells her what kind of sex he wants.

"Everything is between you and the customer. If you don't want to do something, tell him we will call back and find someone else. There's always a girl willing to do it."

"We even get phone calls at five in the morning, but for \$100 an hour..."

"What kind of things do they ask you to do?"

"We get all kinds. Anything you can imagine we get. Some men just want to be ordered around the house, couples call, and some want two women... so if you get murdered at least you won't be alone," he jokes.

"We know their home address on their hotel room. You call when you arrive and call when you leave. And of course, if you don't call after an hour, we give a little leeway in case...well, you know...then we call."

"Look there are lots of people in hotels, if you start to scream someone will hear you right away."

His beeper, hidden inside his leather jacket, beeps. Men at nearby tables have been subtly eavesdropping throughout our interview, now they turn and stare. Scott leave to make a phone call. When he returns he has a big grin.

"A gentleman just called and wants a student. Do one of you want to work tonight?"

We hesitate. "I don't think I'm ready yet. I'm not sure I want to do this."

"No, I can't either. I have my period."

He returns to his call.

We plan our exit, drink up quickly, and thank him for the interview when he returns. We promise to get in touch.

We go to the Take Back the Night March that night.

Film Society responds

To the Daily:

I was somewhat dismayed to read your September 26th article on the Film Society and would like to respond.

To begin with, your reporters stated that I "was at a loss for words" and required "a bit of prompting." Given the nature of the interview I received, this would not surprise anyone. Your reporters never called to set an appointment or give me advance notice of what issues they wanted to discuss. They simply pounced on me as I arrived at my office.

It is true that we are under some financial pressure. In the case of the Daily, every student must pay you a fee regardless of whether they read you or not. We only get money when people attend our movies. When we have shown off-beat films and films for special interest groups, we simply did not have enough attendance to pay for these films. The Students' Society has every right to expect that we are able to pay our costs.

Instead of being objective reporters, I suspect that the people who came and talked to me knew what they were going to write before they did the interview. They told me right off that there wasn't a single film on our schedule that they liked. They say that I have "alienated a large segment of the McGill population." In fact, the majority of comments I have heard were positive.

I strongly object to the inferences made that we are not a group who appreciates the importance of cinema, or that we do not think it important to show films which reflect on socio-political issues. Do you not think that Dr. Strangelove, Being There, A Soldier's Story, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, On the Waterfront, The Deer Hunter, Rebel Without a Cause, and The Verdict are in that category? Or do the films have to reflect your values?

In closing, I wish to make it clear that the Film Society executive is open to suggestions from McGill students for our second semester schedule. Drop us a note and leave it in our mailbox at the Students' Society General Office or call us at 392-8934.

Kevin Davis
U2 Science

Misogyny due to peer pressure

To the Daily:

Being an engineering graduate student who has spent time at numerous universities in Canada, I have witnessed at every stop on my educational path the inevitable confrontation between the Engineering Society and the various women's groups on campus. Most take the form of venomous letters to the editor (like the editorial published in your paper on September 24). However, some have been more violent — like at the University of Toronto where attempts to set the Eng Soc offices on fire were not uncommon a few years back.

The typical engineering attitude to these reactions towards their publications and antics are "what's the matter, don't these women have a sense of humour?" I am of Polish origin and can laugh at a good Polish joke but if I am at a party and Polish jokes are all that are told, I start to feel uncomfortable and begin to wonder about the inclinations of the guests. Over the years, I have seen some engineering publications and pranks that have been witty and satirical (however, I do admit that these have been few and far between). It is sad that most publications have to resort to the same old obvious sexist and toilet jokes over and over again.

I can understand the rage and

frustration that women feel about this situation. However, shrill letters or violent attacks only serve to polarize the situation and give engineers more justification for their actions. Some dialogue needs to be set up between women's groups and the engineering society. This does not mean just token columns in newspapers — this means direct action to counter these sexist tendencies. Most male engineers come out of an environment where few (until recently) women were present (my undergraduate class had 85 men and 4 women). Because of this, uncertainties and insecurities about relating to women are inevitable. All engineering "traditions" were built on this isolation and insecurity (as are most misconceptions and prejudices) and unfortunately these habits are hard to destroy.

I really don't think that male engineers are as misogynistic as some women might believe. Coming into undergraduate engineering, I never felt too happy deep down inside about all the goings on but was swept along by peer pressure. I never wanted to admit that after the initial anticipatory excitement, porno flicks were really boring; that I really wanted to know, love and make love to a woman, not just "fuck" her. Most of what I said back then was what I thought I should say, not what I really believed. The average engineer I am sure would be open to alternatives. However, at the moment, none exist.

An alternative could be joint seminars put on by women's groups and the Engineering Society. Authorities on human sexuality, human relationships, and women's issues could be brought in to discuss social problems. Maybe I'm naive but I would hope that if put on in the right manner with the right promotion and attitude by all concerned, this would slowly change attitudes. Then, engineers would clean up their own house due to a surge of peer pressure against these attitudes. I am not condoning a wave of puritanical sentiment. Sexual humour can be done with intelligence and wit without degradation. Events can also be organized that encourage higher levels of male/female interaction than mud wrestling (how about McGill students computer dating just for a joke — have an annual party). Nothing is ever solved by confrontation. Only with dialogue and action directed at the source of these problems can actual solutions be found.

Robert Lencki
Chemical Engineering, PhD

Housing service not supposed to discriminate

To the Daily:

In your Hyde Park column of 23rd September, Shehzad Hussain complains about an Off Campus Housing listing which contained the phrase "no gays please". This complaint is correct, and the offending phrase was permitted negligently by a staff member of the office in an effort to accommodate a fearful landlady. Unfortunately it escaped my attention and appeared on the list. It is definitely the policy of the off Campus Housing Service to not permit any discrimination in its listings. I apologize for this oversight.

(Mrs.) Meribah Aikens
Coordinator Off Campus Housing

An insult

To the Daily:

We are embarrassed that an institution such as McGill produces journalists of your pitiful calibre.

We find your newspaper an insult to the open minds of the student body.

Kelly Fitzsimmons
U2 Arts
Dorothy Paukste
U2 Arts

letters Seeking recognition

To the Daily:

In response to the September 30 article about the chemistry students' lack of space, the biochemistry and physiology students are in a worse position. These two faculties comprise 800-900 students and yet we never had a lounge. We were given a small storage closet, from which hundreds of dollars of materials have been stolen, which is being taken away from us.

Biochemistry is listed in the phone book under Faculty of Medicine, yet we are not recognized by McGill as part of that faculty. This means that, unlike medical faculties, we must pay \$350 for use of the Medical Annex instead of \$35.

Biochemists also lose out on summer grants because we cannot apply for grants from either biology or medicine since we are not part of

CFRM available to the McGill community as a whole.

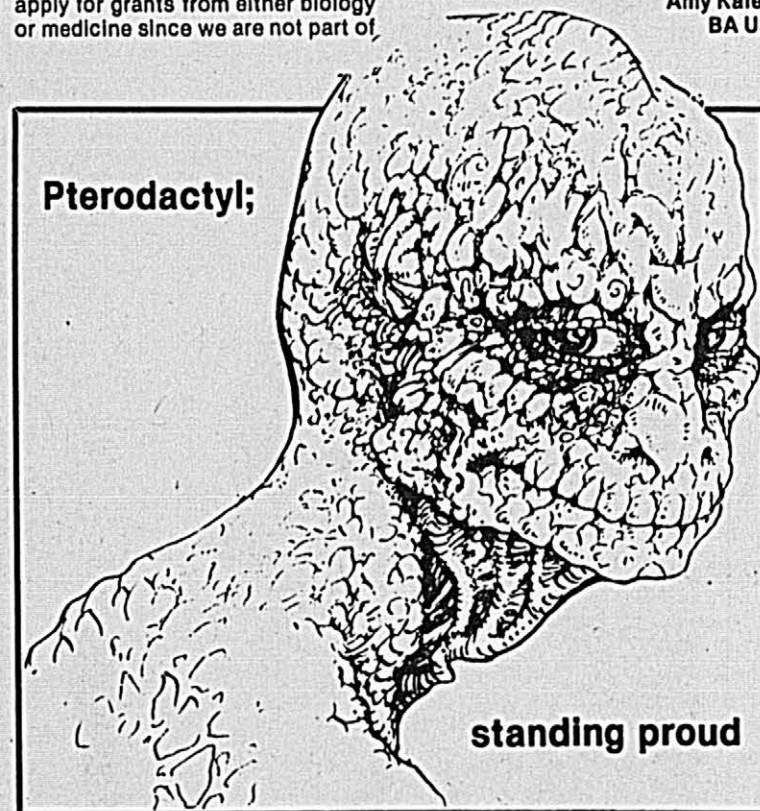
Franco Tamburro
U1

Is he or isn't he?

To the Daily:

The article entitled "MSS Council talks, talks, talks..." (Daily, Oct. 10) contained a quotation by me referring to the controversy over the appointment of Mark Proudman as Chief Returning Officer of the McGill Students' Society. Without changing my position on this issue, I wish to apologize for the flippancy and inappropriateness of this quotation. The fact that it was printed reveals errors in both my judgement and that of The Daily. I did not intend to make a serious matter appear trivial, and I regret any confusion or embarrassment which may have been caused.

Amy Kaler
BA U3



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We, along with Physiology, would like to be fully recognized as a medical faculty so that we can reap the rewards due to us!

Meredith Epstein
U3 Biochemistry
V.P. Biochemistry

CFRM referenda

To the Daily:

MSS has approved referenda for its October 31 elections. One of the referendum questions is on the subject of Radio McGill CFMR. Basically, the proposal is for a temporary 3-year levy on all students so as to give CFMR enough money to let it apply for and acquire an FM broadcasting license. This independent financial base is necessary for its costs and also to make the station freer from MSS control.

If CFMR want to me a more independent station, I object to it doing that riding the financial backs of McGill students. If it wants more money to expand its broadcasting capabilities, coming out of the students' pockets, then it should remain under tight MSS control. If CFMR wants to be more independent, I say fine, but let it go out on the market place and attract advertisers. There isn't a radio station in this city that doesn't take in advertising to pay the bills.

Approving the CFMR proposal would be pointless. It would be a further drain on the financial resources of already burdened students and an extravagant waste of money for an enterprise that ostensibly serves the McGill community. If CFMR staffers and managers want to be part of "big-time radio," let them find work at commercial stations and leave

"Humour" symptom of contempt

To the Daily:

Many students have expressed an attitude toward the engineering songbook of "understanding the spirit in which it was written." It is very disturbing that these students do not recognize that "spirit" for what it is. While superficially it may seem simply a part of drunken, tactless engineering amusement, it reveals a malicious contempt of women that accepts and promotes misogynist attitudes. What we accept in humour shows what attitudes towards others we will actually tolerate.

A similar attitude is evident on posters for happy hour, called the Meat Market, in the residences. One of the drinks has been named the "gang bang". A gang bang is one of the most hideous of violent crimes against women. This trivialization of an abhorrent act, here too, reveals the insidious nature of this "spirit."

Jennifer Beeman
Arts U2

And the Daily doesn't print your letters?

To the Daily:

I understand that by the very nature of your newspaper this letter will never make it into print, so I will direct my comments to the 15 women and 3 men responsible for your Sept. 23 editorial "Not A Love Song."

Come on folks let's get back to reality and look at things in perspective. The EUS does not hand out hard core pornography and snuff films to its members. The

Engineering Songbook is about as insidious as the dirty limericks told by both sexes. Nobody uses the songbook as a code to live by. To suggest that simply by reading these songs one immediately believes in them and becomes a raping monster is utterly ridiculous. If you believe everything you read I truly feel sorry for you.

Further, I found your editorial extremely hypocritical. While condemning the stereotypical view of one group you tried, even if the facts did not quite support you, to propagate a stereotypical view of another. You seem to think that it is alright for Engineers to be stereotyped but not women. You did everything in your power to present a warped view of McGill Engineering, even to the point of using misleading statistics. Why does your "research" consist of reading one small booklet. Maybe if you spent some time interviewing real flesh and blood Engineers you would realize the stupidity in statements like "an Engineer...is more likely to pressure a woman into having sex with him against her will." Also, I was dismayed by the lack of integrity shown when dealing with statistics. Your big poll saying 60 percent of all men at some mystery university would rape a woman says nothing of Engineers. The majority of these men may have come from the Arts Faculty. Are Engineers responsible for the corruption of all men? The stereotyping you promote, with absolutely no basis in fact is extremely dangerous. You are condemn people for what you think they are without looking at what they really are.

In light of the vicious nature of and misleading information in "Not a Love Song" I think the McGill Daily should ask for a public apology from the 18 people responsible.

B. Wambalait
Chemical Engineering

ASUS course evaluations

To the Daily:

There I was enthusiastically perusing my favorite student paper, (I make an effort to read every gut-wrenching article) when I saw the big notice for the ASUS Course Evaluation Guide. Oh goody! So I rushed over to the ASUS office to get my own personal copy so I can plan out my electives for next year (being a Faculty student, I've got eight to take). When I got there, I found out that only a limited number of copies had been printed. However, the girl manning the office gave me one quite reluctantly but only after she made me promise to share it with as many people as I could. I immediately rushed off to the little boy's room to get acquainted with my little prize. Hmm. Let's see what all those Pre-Med students thought of Physics 204A: "Planet, Stars and Galaxies". Wait a second...where is the Physics section? I guess Physics was one of the departments that got left out due to "departmental bureaucracy and departmental apathy, and budget and volume constraints." OK — let's see what my fellow peers thought of Physiology 211D. Oh no! No Physio either! Now my interest was perked. Exactly what did this course guide, allegedly representative of the 7000 students in ASUS, have? I guess this guide only includes lower-level courses, not Honors stuff. Wait...there are 30 pages of Biology courses yet not a single page devoted to a Psychology course. What else was left out? Where is Chemistry? Classics? English? German? History? Italian? Philosophy? Is there any particular reason Jewish Studies was included but not Islamic studies or Latin American and Caribbean Studies? How much money did we waste on this booklet?

Titi Nguyen
U2 Physiology

classifieds

Ads may be placed through the Daily, Room B03, Student Union Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m. two weekdays prior to publication.

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372 — LOST & FOUND

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Found: Keys! A set of 7 on a ring with a Montreal dog tag. Found Thurs. night (10th) in Aylmer. Call Philippa 286-0392

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A sky blue portfolio (16" x 14") was lost in the Leacock Building. Contains very important files. If found please call Dia 681-8775. Reward.

374 — PERSONAL

Mark P. we were pleased to see you support the ANC, and are tickled pink about your endorsement of global pacifism, but radicals like you still shouldn't be CRO. *The Basement Bolsheviks.*

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Brian — just in case you would still want to reach me, you can contact me at 481-3563. Sylvie.

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McGill style

To the Daily:

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I must admit that I brought the problem upon myself by asking the official who was filling out my card what they were doing about people who still had their undergrad cards. She answered that they were exchanging them for new ones. I had to tell her that mine had been thrown away during my annual summer cleaning spree. She charged me \$10.00 to issue me a new card, but could not tell me why I had to pay to replace something which will never be used.

When I complained to her boss, he could not explain either. His superior, to whom I asked to talk, admitted that it was stupid to pay for an outdated card, but could not say why I had to do it.

Extremely aggravated, I called the registrar's office to find out if students were supposed to be given any instructions on how to dispose of their undergraduate card. I was told that there is no such procedure. I then asked what could have happened if instead of throwing my card away last summer and entering grad school in September, I had waited five years to come back. The reply was that there would have been no charge.

If such is the case, why should we pay now? Students from other Montréal universities don't have to bring their old ID to get a McGill one, why must recent McGill graduates?

As graduate students, it costs us \$382.00 to have the right to register for the fall term. I think that's enough. Why should we be penalized for something we were not instructed to do?

If you are in the same boat, please contact your student representative. There must be a way to straighten the matter up and keep our sanity.

Head and Hands, an N.D.G. community organization, is looking for volunteer tutors to tutor 12 to 16 year-old students in all subjects. Call 481-0277.

392 — PARKING SPACES

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letters

By the way, I called Allard Photograph Inc, a photo studio which specializes in ID cards. They told me that the charge for a plastic ID is \$2.75. Maybe this is another issue upon which questions should be raised.

Ellse Rettinger

MSL 1

Library and Information Studies

Breeder Speak

To the Daily:

Canadian law prohibits the distribution of obscene material, whether on film or in print. Bestiality, bondage, sado-masochism and sodomy fall into this legal category. *The Joy of Gay Sex* contains graphic depictions of sodomy, and must therefore be censored, edited, or pulled from circulation — under the same law that last fall removed Penthouse magazine from the news-stands for its bondage content.

Canada has traditionally had less freedom of expression than most western countries; hence it is not a question of oppressing a minority, but of enforcing a Canadian law.

Whether or not the law is out-of-date was not the concern of the article, and neither is it relevant here. What is of concern is why *The Daily* is reversing its stand on freedom of expression. Last fall it was up in arms about Penthouse being permitted into the country; one of the recurring themes of the "Penthouse promotes hatred" articles was the photo of a woman "down on all fours, passively awaiting sodomy" (paraphrase).

What is *The Daily's* stand: is it being expressed this year, was it expressed last year, or does it change depending on the group that is having its rights curtailed?

Lelf R. Montin

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Israeli Tunis attack violates all law

The attack upon the leadership and headquarters of the Palestinian Liberation Organization in Tunis was not only a gross violation of international law, but also a murderous and brutal reminder that Israel is far from prepared to deal with representatives of the displaced and dispossessed, not to mention besieged, Palestinian people. An added bonus for Israel was the message to the Tunisian government, which is a sovereign ally of the West, that, as Lebanon was painfully taught, Israel respects and knows no boundaries and will tolerate no Palestinian presence and no Palestinian representation anywhere in the world.

The pretext that Israel was responding to terrorism simply does not hold water in view of Israel's history and other factors. After all, Israel was founded upon the destruction of an entire society, the attempt to erase an ancient and noble people from the face of the earth, proclaiming itself the 'people without a land' settling a 'land without a people'. Haganah archives are replete with examples of brutal terrorist tactics used against both Palestinians and anti-Zionist Jews, exposed by such authors as Israel Shahak, Noam Chomsky, and Nahum Barnea, among others. Entire villages razed to the ground, their names changed, fields and groves ploughed, cemeteries desecrated and houses bulldozed, mosques polluted, all this continues until the present in the face of a passive North America, which waits until another bloody attack by Israel and then shouts 'Terrorism!', led by Israel, to drown the screams of the wounded and dying.

Only here in North America is it possible to refer to the PLO offhandedly as a 'terrorist organization', while ignoring the fact that the PLO is a large umbrella organization which

includes several smaller organizations and unions, including representative bodies for Palestinian women, lawyers, engineers, artists, peasants, writers and journalists, including among its functions the distribution of food, medical supplies, pensions for widows and orphans, scholarships for Palestinian students, etc. It operates schools, hospitals, emergency shelters and relief services in the refugee camps, in addition to protecting them as much as possible from attack. For the vast majority of Palestinians scattered throughout the world, the PLO represents their struggle for dignity and human rights, for a state and recognition of their own existence and separate identity. Much of the world already recognizes this: 83 of the world's states maintain PLO information offices, which act as de facto diplomatic offices, and 110 have officially recognized the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, while only 70 maintain diplomatic links with Israel.

In light of the above, and in view of the fact that the PLO was making rapid progress towards peace negotiations with the US Reagan administration, the arrogant and aggressive attack on Yasser Arafat and on the PLO headquarters have sinister and frightening implications for those of us who are sick of the violence already perpetrated upon the bodies and souls of Palestinians, who wish to see a healthy Middle East, cured of the spiralling disease of violence which presently infects it.

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Students culture shocked by Thais

Thailand has recently come to the media attention because of the coup d'état that took place there. However, for a group of young Canadians who visited this country this past summer, Thailand has a totally different meaning. The group was made up of thirty university students accompanied by three professors. The six-week tour was held by World University Service of Canada as part of its yearly International Seminar program. The purpose of the Seminar is to help Canadian students discover a Third World country and become aware of the development issues in this country.

In early July, seminar participants arrived in Bangkok and were welcomed by students from Chulalongkorn University. These students were a vital link between the Canadian group and Thai people, for they were interpreters, guides and eventually friends. Thai university professors and W.U.S. Thailand organizers were also part of the welcoming committee.

The Canadian group had to adapt to Bangkok. For most of them, this new environment was putting them in a state of "culture shock". Getting used to the heat, not understanding the local language and standing out in a crowd of Asian people were some of the cultural factors that participants had to deal with. During the first week, students attended lectures on various topics such as history, religion, politics, economic policies, rural development, etc. ... Through these lectures and contacts with Thais, seminar participants became increasingly aware of the roles played by monarchy and religion in this country. Even though Thailand's King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit have no political power per se (constitutional monarchy replaced absolute monarchy in 1932), they are the two most venerated people in the whole country. But, the most important driving force in this society is the Buddhist religion. Ninety five percent of the country's population is Buddhist. This religious philosophy permeates every aspect of one's life: It influences how one acts in society and even has an impact on the formulation of social policies. The students soon

realized that awareness of religious principles was a key factor in understanding Thai society.

In late July, the group left Bangkok and went on to explore rural Thailand. Leaving the crowded capital of six million people to visit smaller provincial towns was an appreciated change of pace. Participants spent one week in Chiang Mai the capital of the northern region. They visited Chiang Mai University and were invited to tour an experimental farm run by the Department of Agriculture. The farm's research team was working on identifying a strain of coffee that could be grown in the mountainous northern region. The aim of this project was to foster a crop substitution scheme whereby coffee production would eventually replace poppyseed cultivation (north Thailand is part of the Golden Triangle where opium traffic is heavy). For the students, visiting this farm was an introduction to the problems faced by many Thai farmers. In regions with uneven precipitation and poor quality soil (i.e. North and North-East regions), poverty was a reality that the farmer had to face every day. Many farmers had to borrow capital in order to buy fertilizers and had to repay their creditors with a portion of their crops; so, in bad years, the family hardly had anything left to feed itself. Some farmers' only reliable source of income came from their daughters' "work". These young girls left their rural hometowns to become prostitutes in the capital. Other farmers simply gave up and left rural areas in the hope of finding employment in Bangkok. Unfortunately, the heavy rural migration flow cannot be absorbed by a city that already has a severe unemployment problem. This meant that for these displaced farmers poverty was still the only alternative.

This was a brief overview of the Seminar and of the awareness that it fostered among students. For the readers who are interested in further exploring this topic, there will be a slide presentation on the Thailand WUSC Seminar on campus on October 16th.

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notes from below

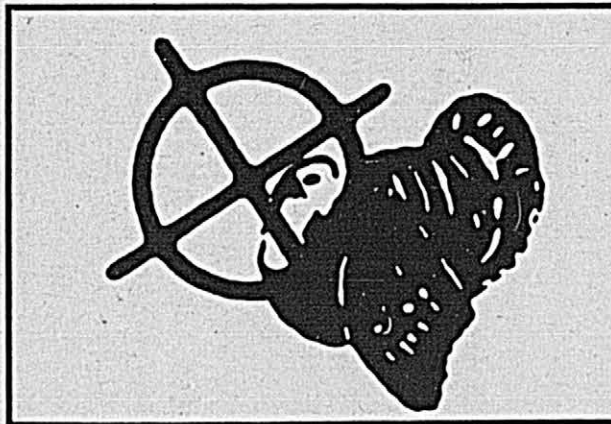
Whither the engineering songbook

The *Daily* likes controversy. But though we have largely enjoyed the debate surrounding our Sept. 23 Engineering Songbook comment, we feel clarification is in order. It is disturbing the comment was interpreted as an attack on engineers as a group.

The comment accused "some of McGill's male engineers...of blatantly encouraging violence against women," but also said "most other engineering students...would be utterly disgusted by this misogynist trash." If we are to be hated for this, we are quite prepared to accept it.

The comment did state the songbook was given to male engineers. Our information at that time was that it was not an official Engineering Student Society (EUS) publication, much like the sexist, racist and

homophobic *Plummers Pot*. In our next issue we reported the EUS as accepting responsibility for the



songbook as part of an orientation package for all new engineers.

Yet instead of engineering students directing their wrath toward their council, which is responsible for the stereotype, many instead blame the *Daily* for exposing the problem.

We publish all letters from students which abide by our standard rules, though we feel many might not have been necessary if the comment had been carefully read. We do, however, encourage student energies to be put towards eliminating the need for such exposés.

Tatouing with the wrong colours

We apologize to *Tatou* for all factual errors appearing in the Oct. 3 article, and will instruct our writers to be more professional in the future.

events

Today
Do you have trouble expressing how you feel or standing up for yourself? Then come and join the Assertiveness Training Workshop. Info: 392-5119.
Player's Theatre will be presenting a revival of the hit *Johnny Mangan and his Astonishing Dogs* by Michel Tremblay for four nights only. Performances from October 15 to October 18, 20h00, at Players' Theatre, Third Floor Union Bldg, 3480 McTavish. Info: 392-9899. Tickets: \$3.

Test Anxiety Groups now forming at McGill Student Counselling Service. Six weekly sessions to help you relax and concentrate on exams. Info: 392-5119.
Delta Kappa Epsilon pub night. *Freudian slips*, 3653 University, opens 21h30. Admission free.
Project Ploughshares meeting. Union 413, 19h00.
Amnesty International Urgent action meeting. 19h00-20h30 at the Newman Centre, 3484 Peel St. Info: 842-6030.
Disabled students interested in

reactivating Access McGill, please call Maria at 725-4123, Irene at 392-5227, or Sam at 747-0773.
Procrastination workshop A discussion of why we procrastinate and how to manage procrastination. Union Rm 310, 12h15-14h00.
Drop in at Newman with Rev. Chris Ferguson, Presbyterian/United Church Chaplain, 10h00-12h00, Chaplaincy Service 3484 Peel. Info: 392-5890

Living Our Faith Group A bring-your-own-lunch group discussing Christian faith and personal responsibility. 12h00-13h00, 3484 Peel, Presbyterian/United Church Chaplaincy. Anyone welcome. Info: 392-5890.
Wednesday
Pro-Choice McGill important meeting. Executive elections. 17h00 in the Women's Union.
McGill Alpine Ski Team General meeting at 16h30 in the gym, Rm. 3056. Council meets at 19h00 in Gym Rm. 408. New members

welcome. Bring \$30.00 registration fee.
McGill Christian Fellowship Tom Wright Speaker Series. Topic: Book of Malachi. 19h00, Diocesan College, 3473 University.
World Universities Services of Canada will be holding a development discussion and slide presentation on its 1985 Thailand Seminar. Information of the 1986 Mauritius International Seminar will also be available. Union 310, 12h30-13h30 and 19h30.